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November 30, 1970

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM: Henry A. Kissinger**

**SUBJECT: Suspension of Personnel Involved in Alleged Defection**

Pursuant to the instructions issued in your name this morning, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation, has suspended the Commander of the Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant, the Commandant of the Coast Guard District and his Chief of Staff.

This action was taken before specific instructions were given to suspend the District Commander and the Commander of the vessel this afternoon.

Secretary Volpe is most anxious that no public announcement be made of this action pending completion of the formal investigation now underway and due for completion by close of business Wednesday night, December 2, 1970. I concur with the Secretary's view.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

DHS Review Completed.

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